

Chester Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHESTER, VA., September 28.—On Wednesday afternoon Miss M. L. Sneed entertained her high class of fourteen pupils, closing the summer session of this year. The entertainment was held at Oakland, and some of the patrons were present. After the recital the following medals were presented to the scholars making the greater part of the afternoon session. Miss Ruth Friend received the gold medal, and Misses Virginia Robertson and Nannie Ruffin were given silver medals. The next of this school will open October 1st.
The High School here has an enrollment of nearly eighty scholars. Mrs. Lyons private school has also a good attendance. A number of young ladies, who have passed through these schools, are attending higher institutions at other points this year.
Mrs. J. W. Clay, of Campbell county, is visiting here.
Rev. J. T. Sewell is conducting a revival service in the Methodist Church here, and Rev. Mr. Whitehurst, of the Baptist Church, will begin a tent meeting in the park here Monday after the first Sunday in October.

Crewe Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CREWE, VA., September 28.—Mr. George Long took his seven-year-old nephew, Roy Long, to a training school for the deaf and dumb, at Philadelphia, last week. The little fellow, who is an orphan, will be near his uncle, Mr. John Long, who is studying law at the University of Pennsylvania.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hawkes, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. Hawkes's mother, Mrs. E. P. Jones.
Mrs. S. B. Parkinson and little son, Mayo, are visiting Mrs. Parkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cummings.
Mrs. S. A. Kelley has returned from an extended visit to Jamestown.
Mrs. M. E. Beale, of Richmond, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Cummings.
Misses Carrie and Bessie Douthett, of Bluefield, spent several days of the past week with Mr. and Mrs. C. Shumate.
Miss Annie Cook, of Petersburg, is visiting Mr. W. T. Wilson.
Mr. and Mrs. Bates and children, of Manchester, visited their sister, Mrs. E. P. Jones, last week.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Berry and little son, Parker, spent several days of the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Berry.
Master Gussie Hawks was tendered a delightful birthday party by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkes, the past week. Among those attending were Misses Alice Wilson, Camilla Phenix, Shirley Tucker, Fannie Berry, Emma Williams, Maggie Robertson, Eva Robertson, Gladys James, Annie Gray, James, Mabel Alley, Annie Childress, Louise Beasley, Messrs. Preston Williams, Frank Tucker, Lawson Kelley, Gordon Robertson, Garland James, Tyland Allen, Jesse Allen, Josh Beasley, Eddie Genseley.

Etna Mills Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ETNA MILLS, VA., September 28.—Those who have attended the Jamestown Exposition from this neighborhood recently are Misses Emily Cocker, Inez, Bessie and Elita Hutchinson, Ida Mae and Helen Morris, Sallie Gravatt, and Mrs. Charles J. Powell.
Messrs. Douglas Atkinson and William Reed returned to William and Mary College last week.
Misses Willie Soder, Eubank and Ruth Alvis returned to the Rawlings Institute last Tuesday.
Miss Bessie Hutchinson returned to the Woman's College, Richmond, in the past week.
Miss Alma Samuel, of Richmond, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Powell, has gone to Beaver Dam, Va., where she is the principal of the school there.

Miller School Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MILLER SCHOOL, VA., September 28.—Miss Catharine Koonitz, of Washington city, is a guest of Mr. Thomas G. Miller.
Dr. B. B. Fulton returned from New York City this week.
The Xavier Literary Society had a most delightful meeting Saturday evening. The following officers were installed: President, A. M. Lettifer; Vice-President, V. H. Carson; Secretary, E. H. Hamer; Treasurer, W. A. Hopkins; Critic, H. D. Rinsland; Chorister, R. C. Beale, Jr.
After the social, the officers of the society were highly entertained with reading by Messrs. A. F. Robertson and W. A. Hopkins; also current events by V. H. Carson. The quartet also displayed marked talent and ability, which caused the society to forget earthly toils and "wimmins."

Montvale Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MONTVALE, VA., September 28.—Dr. S. D. Pugh, of Washington, W. Va., has returned home from a visit to his father at this place.
Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hazlewood and daughters, of Danville, who have been visiting their home folks in Bedford county, left for home on Monday.
Mr. Walter C. Gentry, a student at Randolph-Macon Academy, spent Sunday and Monday at home.
Mrs. Bernard Early is spending the week at the Jamestown Exposition.
Misses Kate and Doree Mann, who have been summing at Edge Hill, returned to Petersburg on Monday.
Miss Gertrude Coker, of Roanoke, is the guest this week of Mrs. J. H. Read at Edge Hill.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Important Gathering of Ladies of Note at the Jamestown Exposition.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION, September 28.—The National Council of Women will hold its annual executive meeting at the Jamestown Exposition, October 1st to 10th. A very interesting program has been arranged for this meeting, in which sessions will be held three times daily. The morning and afternoon sessions will be held in the Auditorium. The morning sessions will be devoted to the business and executive meetings of the council, and the afternoon to reports from the various national societies affiliated with the council, seventeen in number.
Afternoon meetings will also be held in the hall of the Social Economy Building. The evening sessions will be held in Norfolk, under the auspices of the local affiliated bodies.
The opening services will be held in the night of October 1st. A special feature of this service will be a chorus of 600 children, under the direction of Professor Whelan.
The program on the first evening will consist of an address of welcome by Admiral P. E. Harrington; response by Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, vice-president-at-large of the council; address by the president, Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, and report of the progress of the Council of Women and its work, by Mrs. Francis E. Burns, recording secretary. Greetings from the Canadian Council will be given by Mrs. Wiloughby Cummings. The report of the committee on peace and arbitration, by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, honorary president of the National Council of Women, will close the evening program.
On the night of October 2d a meeting will be held in the Jewish Temple, Norfolk, under the auspices of the local Council of Jewish Women, at which Mrs. Levy, its president, will preside. Mrs. Hugo Rosenberg, of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, will be the speaker of the evening. Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery will speak on "The Advancement of Woman, a World-Wide Question."
Friday evening a meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, under the auspices of the Ladies of the Mac-

Improvements in the Store

Passers by on Broad Street during the past few weeks have commented very favorably on the improvements to our building.
Iron girders and concrete floors are things that go to make up the physical improvement of the store—they're the things visible to the eye.
What the public does not see is the "something" behind all these outward manifestations and which makes them possible.
The real improvements are the daily and hourly advances to a higher degree of store service; the "best" of to-day serving only as a stepping stone for something higher to-morrow.

Dress Linings, Trimmings, and Buttons

Above everything else don't be indifferent to the kind of linings and trimmings used for your dress.

Good Lining helps the wear of the material considerably, besides causing it to set or hang properly.
The Trimming can make or mar the beauty of your costume.
Our Lining and Trimming Department is on a par with dress goods and silks for satisfactory service.

Linen Centre Pieces \$1

Special Values

(Linen Department.)

Pure Irish Linen, hand-embroidered, with embroidered scallop; also hemstitched centrepieces, with Japanese drawn work, 18 and 20-inch sizes. Best of values, at \$1.



\$16.50

Miller & Rhoads

MAIL ORDERS FILLED AT ADVERTISED PRICES. Forwarding charges prepaid on all orders of \$5 and over from the Virginias and Carolinas.

Richmond Welcomes Distinguished Guests

Five thousand people from all over the United States, and many from beyond the seas, will be within our gates for the next three weeks in attendance upon the Triennial Council of the Episcopal Church.

Richmond extends a hearty welcome to its guests, with the hope that they may come to the city with pleasure and leave it with regret.

The Miller & Rhoads store cordially invites visitors and home-folks alike to avail themselves of all the privileges of the store, and make this building their headquarters while in this section of the city.

Stylish Suits for Women: Half Dozen Models

\$16.50 to \$23.50

Before making up your mind as to the kind of suit you'll get this fall we'd like to show you these styles, two of which we picture to-day. We feel sure that you'll approve of the cloth, the way they're made and finished and, above all, of the prices, which are from one-third to one-half less than you'd pay a tailor for making the garment, with not a bit more satisfaction to yourself.

Fancy Broadcloth Suits, in black and brown, dark green and black, and dark wine and black checks; three-button, slightly cutaway coat, opening in the back, lined with satin, full width skirt, with a three-wide fold; misses' and women's sizes **\$16.50**

All-Wool Broadcloth Suits, in navy, brown and black, 22-inch tight-fitting coat, lined with good taffeta, stitched straps over shoulders, down front and back, fly front, full width skirt, with a three-wide fold; misses' and women's sizes **\$17.50**

Prince Chap Suits, in light, medium and dark herringbone stripe cloth, Coat double-breasted front, semi-tight fitting back, lined with satin, side plaited skirt, with three-wide fold around the bottom; all sizes **\$19.50**

Pure Worsted Suits, in fancy weaves of black, and navy; strictly tailor made, 26-inch tight-fitting coat, lined with taffeta; vestes of white pique, long sleeves, with stitched cuffs; skirt side plaited and stitched below the hips, three 2-inch folds; all sizes **\$21.50**

Broadcloth Suits, in black, navy and brown, 27-inch tight-fitting coat, lined with taffeta, attached strappings over shoulders, back and front, long sleeves, with cuffs; side plaited skirt, 2-inch fold around the bottom; all sizes; misses' and women **\$23.50**

All-Wool Broadcloth Suits, double-breasted, semi-tight fitting coat, lined with good taffeta, black velvet collar, long sleeves, with cuffs, side plaited skirt, attached below the hips, side 31 to 46, black, blue and brown. **\$23.50**



Free Trip to Richmond and Return

Buy \$40 worth of merchandise in person in Richmond between October 7th and 12th from any one or all of the stores in the Retail Merchants' Association, and if you live within 100 miles of Richmond, your total railroad fare, including admission to the State fair or horse show, will be returned to you.

If you live more than 100 miles distant you only pay for the additional distance over 100 miles.

Buy a round-trip excursion ticket to Richmond. Special rates on all roads. Ask for a rebate book in our store.

White Mercerized Waisting, 39c

Imported from England, and one of the finest pieces of white madras we've seen for a long time. New and handsome patterns.

Pillows, \$2 pair

A special value at this price: 18x26 inches, filled with good, clean feathers and covered with fancy ticking.

Wide range of good values between \$1 and \$7 pair. Third Floor.

Sun-Bleached Nainsook, \$1.45 piece

Fifty pieces to sell for \$1.45, instead of \$1.75.

A manufacturer decided to discontinue making up any more of this grade on account of the advance in price.

He closed out what he had to us at the old price. 12 yards to the piece, \$1.45.



\$23.50

Carpets, Rugs, Lace Curtains, Portieres

Thousands of homes will be brightened up this week to greet our guests, not only from Virginia, but all over the country. It seems as if everybody's mind turns toward this store when in need of floor coverings and draperies.

Of course there's a reason. Have you ever seen a handsomer or better appointed department than our third-floor carpet and curtain store? A big stock, broad variety, low prices. It's THE STORE of the South in this respect.

Carpets

Tapestry Brussels Carpets, 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1 yard. Full line of patterns, and values beyond the ordinary.
Velvet Carpets, in beautiful rods, greens and tans; special value, 50c yard.
Axminster Carpets, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50 yard. Rich patterns and colorings.
Wilton Velvet Carpets, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.65 yard. Handsome array of patterns.
Body Brussels Carpet, \$1.50 yard: the always-popular floor covering.
Inglenook Carpets, 45c, 50c, 75c yard. Very serviceable weaves, pretty patterns.

Rugs

Smyrna Rugs, 9x12 feet, \$20, \$22.50 and \$25. All-wool, Oriental patterns.
Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 9x12 feet, \$12, \$15, \$18. Big assortment in greens, tans and reds.
Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet, \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50. Handsome Oriental patterns.
Wilton Rugs, 9x12 feet, \$35, \$37.50, \$42.50, \$45, up to \$57.50.
Axminster Hall Runners: In Brussels Patterns
2 ft. 3 in. by 9 ft. \$4.75.
2 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in. \$5.50.
3 ft. by 10 ft. 6 in. \$8.
3 ft. by 12 ft. \$8.

Lace Curtains

Nottingham Curtains at a dozen different prices between 75c and \$5. Special values in Nottinghams at \$1. Neat patterns, 3 1/2 yards long, 48 inches wide.
Madras Net Curtains, in Brussels patterns, 3 1/2 yards long, \$2.50 pair.
Cluny Curtains, three yards long, Cluny Edge and Insertion, \$4.
Irish Point Curtains, in handsome patterns, \$4 to \$12.50 pair.
Our \$5 Curtains are particularly strong values.
Big range of styles in Arabian Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, wide insertion and edge, \$10 values for \$7.50.

Portieres

Two-tone effects, fringed top and bottom, three yards long, \$2 pair.
Self-colored Armure Portieres, three yards long, fringed top and bottom, \$3.50 value \$2.75.
Mercerized Armures, in rose, green, red and blue, finished with the new style edging, \$7.50 value \$6.75.
Handsome line of Curtains, \$7.50, \$10, \$11 and \$12.50.
Double faced Velour Curtains, finished with silk cord, \$17.50 value \$14 pair.

New Dress Goods: A Comprehensive Assortment

From the richest of Broadcloths at \$3.00 and \$3.50 a yard down to the practical every-day wearing Suitings at 50c.

There's a plenty of each kind—we've never carried as big a stock nor a more varied one.

The correct things to be worn will always be found in this department.

The very bigness and variety of the stock enables us to buy, and consequently sell, at the lowest prices.

Some of the more popular weaves are as follows:

Striped Suitings, \$1.50 yard. 54 inches wide; fashionable colorings.
Ombre Plaids, \$1.50 yard. 48 inches wide.
Herringbone Suitings, \$1.25 yard. 46 inches wide; in black and colors.
Mannish Suitings, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$2.50 yard.
Imported Voiles, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard.

Panama Cloths, 50c to \$1.25 yard.
Broadcloths, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$3.00 yard.
Rainproof Cloths, \$1.00 to \$2.00 yard.
Wool Peau de Soie, \$1.25 yd.
Plaid Dress Goods, 50c to \$1.50 yard.
In a wide range of styles, from the loud Tartan effect down to the more subdued patterns.

Pure Linen Napkins, \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.50 Doz.

Extraordinary Good Values.

Three hundred dozen All Pure Linen Napkins, ordered some time ago and just arriving.
We haven't had anything as good in linen napkins at this price for some time. Pretty patterns, fine quality.
6-8 size, \$1.10 and \$1.30 dozen. 8-12 size, \$1.50 dozen.

Blankets and Bed Comforts

The frost in the air of the past few nights is a reminder that more bed clothing is needed.

Might as well get the most for your money in Blankets and Comforts.

You'll get it by buying any one or all of these articles:

White Wool-Filled Blankets, 60x80 inches, blue and pink borders, beautifully finished, \$3.50 pair; worth \$4.50.
White, Tan and Gray Twill Blankets, 60x80 inches, \$2.50 value, \$1.75 pair.
Heavy Wool Blankets, 11-14 size, pink and blue borders; special, \$5.50 pair.
Gray Wool-Filled Blankets, 65x84 inches, \$3.50 value, \$3.
Checked Linen Comforts, 72x72 inches, \$1.
Clean Cotton-Filled Comforts, 72x78 inches, covered with a good quality silklike, in Oriental and floral patterns, \$1.50.
72x80-inch Comforts, light and dark covers, \$2.25.

Fine Moravian Table Damask: Exclusive Patterns

The only damask woven that's equal to the Moravian is the French damask, and that is double the price.

Our Fall importations of Moravian Linen Table Cloths and Napkins have just arrived—several new and beautiful designs never shown in this country until now, and none of them on sale anywhere else in Richmond but in this store. Heavy weight and all pure flax—no dressing whatever. Most of the designs are for round tables, with napkins to match.

A few of the new patterns are DuBarry, 340 Chamberlin, Holly, American Beauty, George L. Napoleon, L. Edelweiss, Blue Bells, Fuschia, Empire, Scroll, Marshal Neil and Versailles.
TABLE CLOTHS.
2x2 yards, \$4.00 to \$8.00.
2x2 1/2 yards, \$5.00 to \$10.00.
2x3 yards, \$6.00 to \$13.00.
2x3 1/2 yards, \$7.00 to \$15.00.
2x4 yards, \$8.00 to \$16.00.
2 1/2 x 3 1/2 yards, \$7.50 to \$13.25.
2 1/4 x 3 yards, \$10.00 to \$13.00.
2 1/4 x 3 1/2 yards, \$11.75 to \$23.75.
NAPKINS.
22-inch size, \$6.00 and \$6.50 doz.
24-inch size, \$8.00 to \$12.00 dozen.
26-inch size, \$15.00 to \$25.00 doz.

Bric-a-Brac from Japan

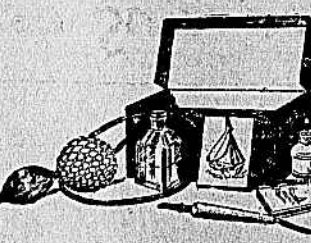
Beautiful works of art. It's wonderful, the amount of skill and ingenuity displayed by the Japanese in work of this kind.

We've placed a number of the pieces in the Broad-Street windows, and they're being admired by thousands.

One might think that prices were almost prohibitive for these articles, but such is not the case. There are some very artistically decorated vases as low as 30c, and from that price up to anything you choose to pay.

There's not an October bride in Virginia but what will be delighted to get bric-a-brac of this kind as a wedding present.

Pyrographic Work: On Plush and Leather



We've prevailed on the demonstrator to remain with us for a few days longer, and, beginning to-morrow morning, free instruction in this most fascinating work will be given in our Art Needlework Department.

Pure Linen Crash Toweling, 12 1/2c yard

Three thousand yards of it go on sale to-morrow morning; extra heavy, 18 inches wide.
May we suggest something to you?—Take advantage of this opportunity and anticipate your wants, as we can't buy any more of this crash to sell for less than 17c yard.

The New Silk Store: A Sale of Silks at Special Prices

"You have a Silk Store here that would do credit to any city," was the remark of a New York gentleman yesterday in looking through the silk section.

We think so, both as regards the size and location of the department and the stock that it contains.

Thousands of yards of serviceable Silks (and we'll carry none that are not serviceable), Among the biggest values in the house are

4,000 Yards Colored Taffetas, 59c yd.

Fifty different shades besides black and white.

We recommend these Taffetas for wear and as being the best on the market at 59c yard. Fact is, we know of stores asking and getting 75c for them.

Roman Stripe Louisines, 59c yard.
Checked Louisines, 59c yard.
Plain Taffetas and Plain Louisines, 60c yard.
Plain Taffetas, 59c, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.
Satin Mouselines, 85c yard.

Striped Taffetas, 59c, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.
Peau de Laineaux, 75c yard.
Peau de Cygne, 50c yard.
Printed Crepe de Chine, 60c yard.
Japanese Silks, 50c yard.
27 inches wide.

Black Peau de Soie, 50c yard.
Black Mouseline, \$1.25 yard.
35 inches wide, soft and lustrous.
Black Taffeta, \$1.10 yard.
35 inches wide; extra value.
Black Window Taffetas, from 79c up to \$2 yard.

New Laces: A Rich Collection

For whatever purpose you want a piece of lace you'll find it here.

All the latest novelties as well as the staple kinds.

Read over the brief list given, and then let us show you these beautiful things at the counters.

Fllet Gold Bandings, one of our newest and prettiest laces of the season; a most effective hat trimming and swell dress trimming, \$1.08 to \$2.08 yard.

White and Cream Brussels, Fllet and Oriental Nets, 42 to 46 inches wide; all new designs from the tiny pin dot to the large coin spot, embroidered rings and flowers, 59c, 75c, \$1 to \$2.50 per yard.

White and Gold Princess and Black and Gold Fllet Allovers, Laces and Bands to match; a most beautiful and effective trimming for evening dresses and bridal gowns. Their range in price from 50c to \$7.08.

Admiral Blue, Bride's Gray, Copper Brown and Fleusue Allover Laces, with bands and edges to match; most fashionable laces of the season; for entire waists or yokings.

Bands 60c to \$2.50 yd.
Edges \$3.50 to \$5.00 yd.
Allovers \$3.98 to \$6.00 yd.

Black Chantilly Nets, in the Brussels and Fllet mesh, all dainty and effective patterns, used either for street or evening costumes, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.08 yard.
Black and White Fllet Chantilly, in dainty and bold, effective designs, 18 inches wide, from 50c to \$4.50 yard.

President, Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, Berkeley, Cal.; Vice-President-at-Large, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, M. D., D. Sc., Washington, D. C.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Belinda S. Bailey, San Francisco; Honorary Presidents, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Mrs. Mary Lowe, Dickinson, Mrs. Fannie Humphreys Gaffney; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Francis E. Burns, St. Louis, Mo.; Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, Detroit, Mich.; Committee for Representation at Jamestown Exposition, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, M. D., D. Sc., chairman.
As the International Convention of the Episcopal Church meets at the exposition at this time, universal interest in both important events is manifest.